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Newman (left): Coins for enlistment contracts.

HAPLAIN (LTC) Jerome Listecki didn't expect to be named an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago. But his ordination earlier this year at Chicago's Holy Name Cathedral made it so.

One day in October 2000, Listecki was called to the residence of Cardinal Francis George.

"He told me that the Vatican had made me an auxiliary bishop," Listecki said. "I couldn't believe it."

Listecki's surprise was understandable. There are 336 Roman Catholic bishops throughout the United States, and more than 46,405 priests who are potential candidates for those positions, according to the 2001 Official Catholic Directory.

In Roman Catholicism, a bishop is regarded as a successor of the apostles. He teaches, governs and sanctifies, together with the pope and other bishops around the world.

Occasionally, the bishops of a particular region — or the Apostolic Nuncio, the ambassador from Rome to the American Church — submit names of people they deem qualified to become bishops.

"There may be hundreds of apt candidates," Listecki said. "No one knows exactly what the selection process is, but we know that names of potential candidates usually go before the pope and he selects one of them."

"Bishop Listecki combines his civilian ministry and Army chaplaincy beautifully," said LTC Eric Wester of the Office of the Chief of Chaplains at the Pentagon. "It's evidence that it's possible to be recognized for your gifts in ministry, both as an ordained clergyman and as a chaplain in the armed forces."

Listecki, who is currently the chaplain for the Chicago area under the 330th Medical Brigade, plans to continue his Army service. — 88th Reserve Support Command Public Affairs Office

ESERVIST **SPC Brett Newman**, a signal support system specialist with the 489th Engineer Battalion at Camp Pike in North Little Rock, Ark., last year made more referrals that led to Army enlistments than any other soldier who was not a full-time Army recruiter.

Seven prospective new Reservists and two Individual Ready Reservists signed Army enlistment contracts, thanks to Newman's efforts. Additionally, he was credited with 12 "assists," meaning he played an instrumental role in helping another soldier get prospective recruits to sign up.

Newman credits his section leader, SFC Joe Longinotti, for his success. "He guided me and gave me the willpower to get past rejection so I could tell people how the Army Reserve can benefit their careers," Newman said.

His enlistment efforts grew out of Operation Hawk, a 90th Regional Support Command recruitment and retention drive. — 90th RSC PAO

ONY Schumacher, driver of the National Hot Rod Association Army dragster, spent some time recently with soldiers of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Ga.

Schumacher stopped at Fort Benning in March, on his way to the Gator Nationals in Gainesville, Fla. Members of the USAMU's Action Shooting Team also traveled to Gainesville to demonstrate the new Army Shooting Adventure Package — an exhibit trailer that

showcases the Army's best shooters.

While at Fort Benning, Schumacher toured the USAMU's ranges and watched the shooters training. He and three members of his crew also had the opportunity to shoot with the unit's world-class marksmen, including 2000 Olympic skeet bronze medallist SFC Todd Graves.





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Schumacher, the fastest man in hot-rod history, was the first NHRA driver to hit 333 mph and has recorded the five best speeds in NHRA history. Called "The Sarge," he was appointed an honorary sergeant by SMA Jack Tilley last September.

Schumacher's racer, also called "The Sarge," is a 25-foot, 6,000-horsepower, top-fuel dragster, made of aluminum and steel, that goes from zero to 200 mph in 2.2 seconds. — *USAMU PAO*

OL Don Betzold, commander of the 214th Legal Support Organization—part of the Army Reserve's 88th Regional Support Command at Fort Snelling, Minn., has his own law practice and is also a Minnesota state senator.

"My Army career has really helped me in my political career," he said. "I've learned things in the Army that you simply can't learn as well anywhere else; things like leadership, responsibility and organization — making order out of chaos. I'm also always on time; I'm usually the first one seated in the Senate."

Betzold has earned the respect not only of his constituents in northeast Minneapolis, but also of the professionals who keep close tabs on the Minnesota legislature, where Betzold has served for more than eight years.

After the state's legislative session adjourned in spring 2000, the newsletter "Politics in Minnesota" named Betzold Legislator of the Year for his work on protecting personal privacy rights.

The editors cited his "fairness and thoroughness," and his "tenacious and responsible leadership on privacy issues" as contributing factors in his selection.

In the past four years the Minnesota Senate has selected Betzold to serve on more House-Senate conference committees than any other senator. He has also served on several Senate committees.

Betzold's military career spans 28 years. He re-

ceived an ROTC scholarship and earned a degree in broadcast journalism from the University of Minnesota. He then spent four years on active duty.

After joining the Army Reserve, Betzold used the GI Bill to attend law school, and became part of the Judge Advocate General Corps. He is responsible for 50 soldiers who drill at Fort Snelling and Madison, Wis. Most of the 214th's

members are attorneys or perform other jobs in the legal field. — MSG Betsey DePoint, 88th RSC PAO

A 20th Engineer Brigade soldier from Fort Bragg, N.C., recently began a 500-mile run to raise \$5 million for underprivileged children in Baltimore, Md.

In what some of his colleagues have called "a marathon of the heart," **PFC George J. Floyd III** started running 54 miles a day, beginning in Detroit. At the time of this report, he planned to run for about 10 days to reach Baltimore.

Floyd is doing this for a particular reason; he remembers being a small, undernourished child growing up homeless on the streets of Baltimore.

"I was one of the lucky ones," Floyd said. Even though he was homeless many times, he had a loving mother to care for him.

A lot of children don't have that benefit, Floyd said. Without direction, discipline and nurturing, "they absorb everything around them, both positive and negative."

Last year, Maryland opened another state correctional facility, and Floyd wondered why the money couldn't have been spent in a more constructive way. He thought if he could get some extra money, he could do something to improve the

children's lives.

Floyd, who has done this sort of thing before, solicits sponsors to support him. In March 1997, he ran 375 miles from Times Square, N.Y., to Baltimore, to raise money for homeless veterans.

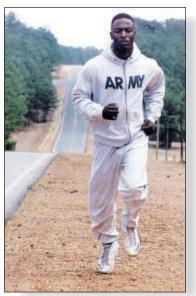
"His commitment to raise \$5 million is overwhelming," said Marvin F. Billups Jr., director of the Baltimore Department of Recreation and Parks. "This amount of money will have a tremendous impact on the level of services we can provide for thousands of youngsters on a daily basis."

"We fully support PFC Floyd, because we believe in this cause, and he has the most honorable of intentions," said Floyd's first sergeant, Larry E. Seaman. Seaman and Floyd's commander, CPT

James C. Moses, are planning to join Floyd on the last leg of his run.

To prepare for the feat, Floyd ran 12 miles in the mornings, completed a 22-mile run in the evenings, and did more than 1,200 stomach crunches a day. Having logged 762 miles during preparation alone, Floyd will have run more than 2,500 miles when he reaches Baltimore. — SPC Kiandra E. Kaiser, XVIII Airborne Corps PAO

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